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ON PARALLEL TRANSMISSION LINKS

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Sir:

This Reply is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 3, 2006 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Reply.